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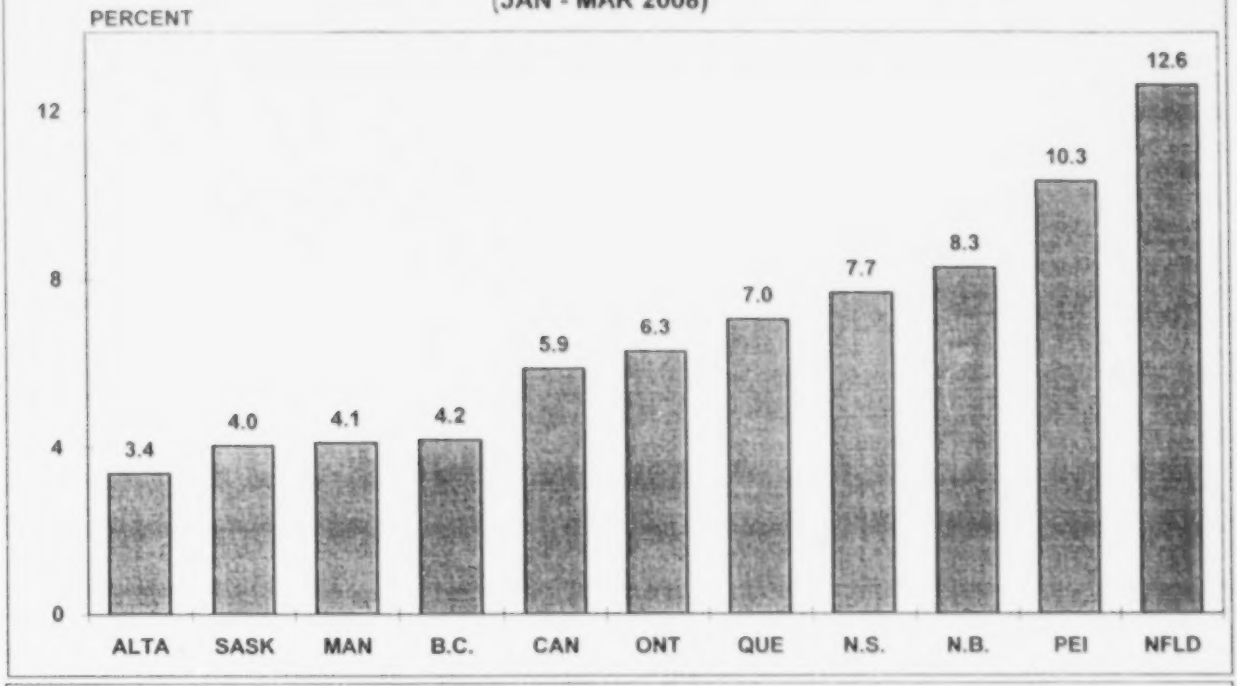
(JAN - MAR 2008)



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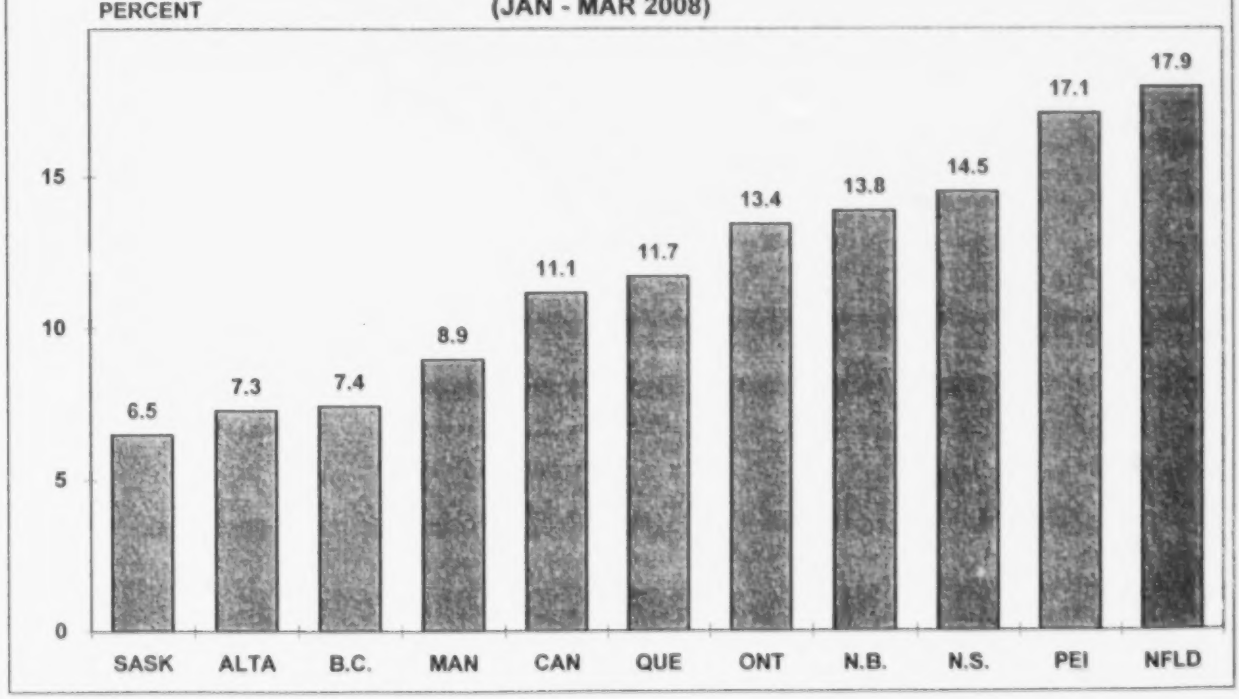

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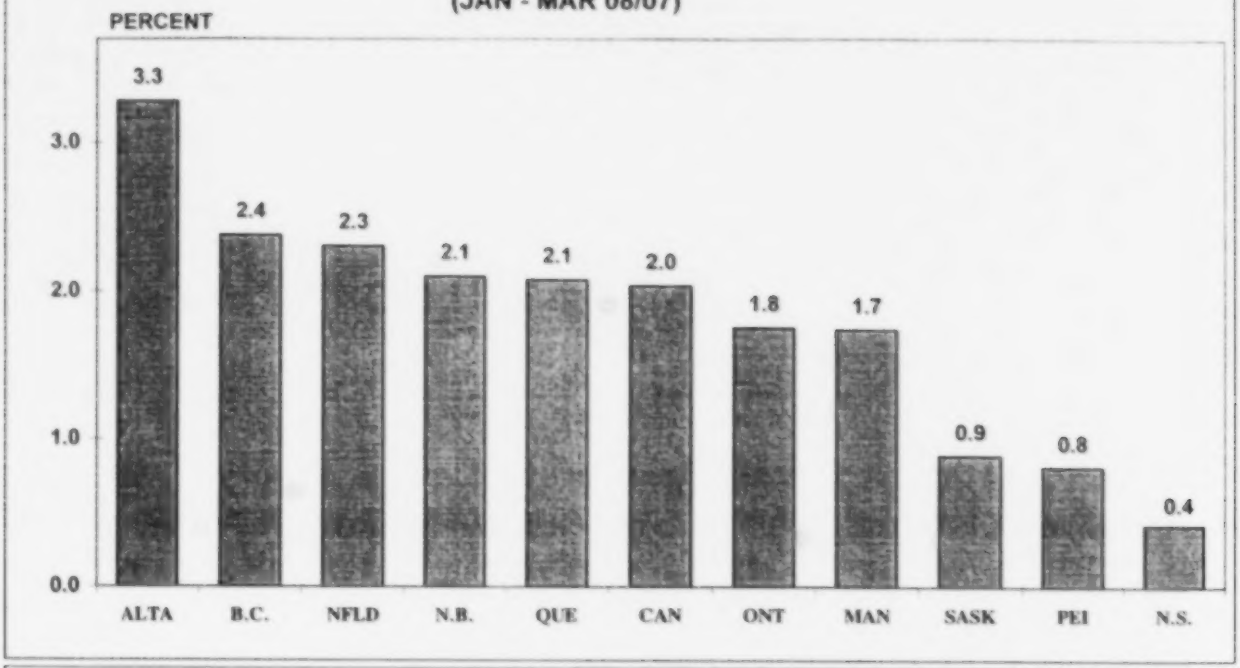

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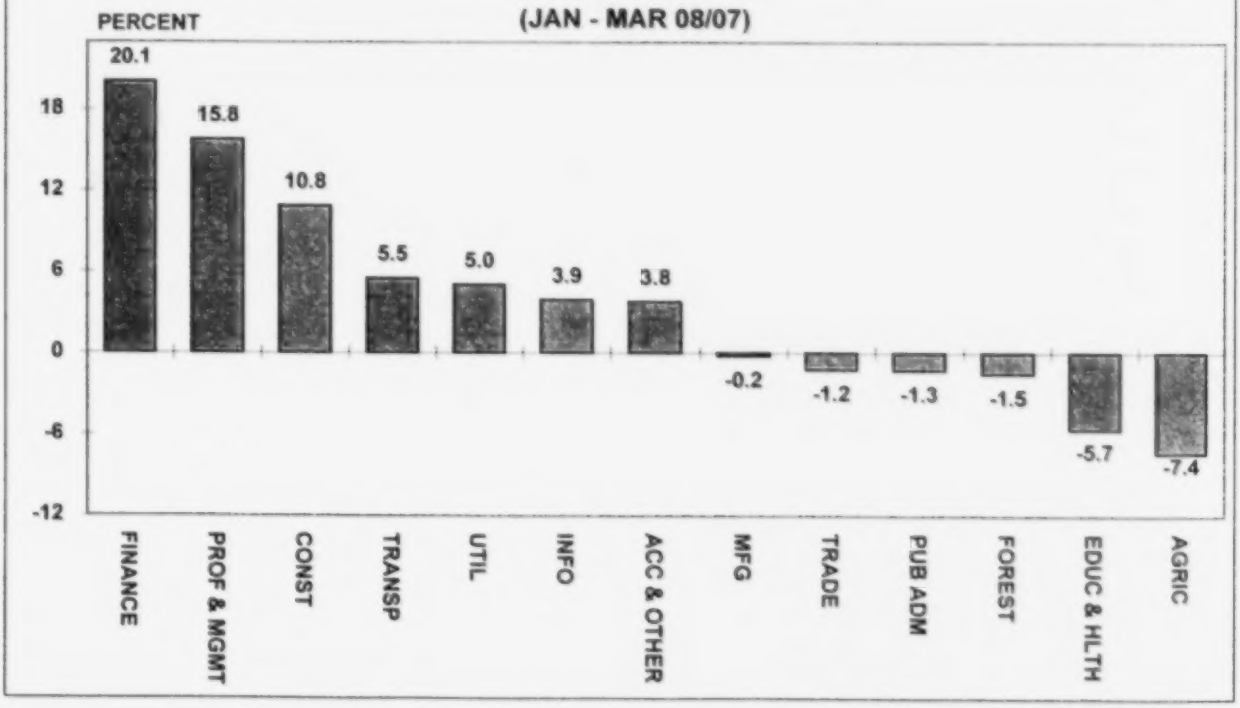

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA			CANADA		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07
LABOUR FORCE						
seas. adj.	630,100	627,800	620,600	18,216,000	18,158,900	17,889,100
actual	622,600	621,400	613,600	18,000,400	17,908,600	17,663,000
EMPLOYMENT						
seas. adj.	602,700	601,400	593,800	17,116,800	17,102,200	16,791,800
part time	108,700	112,300	121,200	3,108,000	3,073,800	3,072,900
men	31,800	35,900	37,400	997,300	967,500	971,700
women	76,900	76,400	83,800	2,110,700	2,106,300	2,101,200
full time	494,000	489,100	472,600	14,008,800	14,028,400	13,718,900
men	291,800	287,900	279,900	8,045,800	8,059,300	7,863,800
women	202,200	201,200	192,700	5,963,100	5,969,100	5,855,100
actual	594,200	593,300	585,800	16,845,200	16,810,500	16,512,500
UNEMPLOYMENT						
seas. adj.	27,400	26,400	26,700	1,099,200	1,056,600	1,097,200
actual	28,500	28,100	27,800	1,155,200	1,098,200	1,150,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE						
seas. adj.	4.3	4.2	4.3	6.0	5.8	6.1
actual	4.6	4.5	4.5	6.4	6.1	6.5
PARTICIPATION RATE						
seas. adj.	69.6	69.4	69.3	68.0	67.8	67.7
actual	68.7	68.7	68.5	67.2	66.9	66.8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED): PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	PERCENT CHANGE		YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES			PERCENT CHANGE		YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08/ FEB 08	MAR 08/ MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE 08/07	MAR 08/ FEB 08	MAR 08/ MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE 08/07
LABOUR FORCE										
seas. adj.	0.4%	1.5%	628,000	619,200	1.4%	0.3%	1.8%	18,161,500	17,846,100	1.8%
actual	0.2%	1.5%	620,400	611,800	1.4%	0.5%	1.9%	17,914,300	17,595,000	1.8%
EMPLOYMENT										
seas. adj.	0.2%	1.5%	602,100	591,800	1.7%	0.1%	1.9%	17,092,600	16,751,800	2.0%
part time	-3.2%	-10.3%	111,200	116,000	-4.2%	1.1%	1.1%	3,087,300	3,055,800	1.0%
men	-11.4%	-15.0%	34,300	35,600	-3.7%	3.1%	2.6%	984,400	981,700	0.3%
women	0.7%	-8.2%	76,900	80,400	-4.3%	0.2%	0.5%	2,102,900	2,074,200	1.4%
full time	1.0%	4.5%	490,900	475,800	3.2%	-0.1%	2.1%	14,005,400	13,696,000	2.3%
men	1.4%	4.3%	289,300	280,200	3.2%	-0.2%	2.3%	8,043,800	7,849,900	2.5%
women	0.5%	4.9%	201,700	195,600	3.1%	-0.1%	1.8%	5,961,600	5,846,100	2.0%
actual	0.2%	1.4%	593,100	582,700	1.8%	0.2%	2.0%	16,788,800	16,439,000	2.1%
UNEMPLOYMENT										
seas. adj.	3.8%	2.6%	25,900	27,400	-5.4%	4.0%	0.2%	1,068,800	1,094,300	-2.3%
actual	1.4%	2.5%	27,400	29,100	-6.1%	5.2%	0.4%	1,125,500	1,156,000	-2.6%
seas. adj.	0.1pts	0.0pts	4.1	4.4	-0.3 pts	0.2pts	-0.1pts	5.9	6.1	-0.3pts
actual	0.1pts	0.1pts	4.4	4.7	-0.3 pts	0.3pts	-0.1pts	6.3	6.6	-0.3pts
PARTICIPATION RATE										
seas. adj.	0.2pts	0.3pts	69.4	69.2	0.2 pts	0.2pts	0.3pts	67.8	67.6	0.3pts
actual	0.0pts	0.2pts	68.6	68.4	0.2 pts	0.3pts	0.4pts	66.9	66.6	0.3pts

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-date percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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TABLE 2: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES	
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07
MANITOBA	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.4
CANADA	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.1
NFLD	12.6	13.1	14.1	12.6	14.5
P.E.I.	10.4	10.0	10.4	10.3	10.4
N.S.	7.9	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.8
N.B.	8.5	8.1	7.5	8.3	7.4
QUEBEC	7.3	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.6
ONTARIO	6.4	6.1	6.6	6.3	6.5
SASK.	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
ALBERTA	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5
B.C.	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.1
* MANITOBA RANK	3	4	4	3	4

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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* Ranking is in ascending order from the lowest unemployment rate to the highest

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TABLE 3: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY AGE AND SEX: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
			YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES					YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07
BOTH SEXES	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.4	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.1
15-24	9.1	9.8	7.9	8.9	8.7	11.0	11.4	11.0	11.1	11.2
25+	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.5	5.1	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.1
MEN	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.7	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.2	6.5
15-24	9.5	11.1	8.5	9.8	10.2	12.4	12.2	12.4	12.1	12.6
25+	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.0	3.6	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.4
WOMEN	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8
15-24	8.7	8.6	7.2	8.1	7.0	9.5	10.7	9.6	10.1	9.8
25+	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.4	4.9	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.9

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 4: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - 15 TO 24 YEARS OF AGE

				YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES	
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07
MANITOBA	9.1	9.8	7.9	8.9	8.7
CANADA	11.0	11.4	11.0	11.1	11.2
NFLD.	17.6	19.3	19.5	17.9	20.5
P.E.I.	16.2	17.4	12.0	17.1	11.8
N.S.	13.7	14.6	13.3	14.5	13.3
N.B.	14.4	13.7	11.3	13.8	12.1
QUEBEC	11.7	11.9	12.0	11.7	12.8
ONTARIO	13.3	13.8	12.9	13.4	13.0
SASK.	7.0	6.4	6.7	6.5	7.6
ALBERTA	7.0	7.2	8.3	7.3	7.3
B.C.	6.8	7.9	7.3	7.4	7.8
* MANITOBA RANK	4	4	3	4	4

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 5: SELECTED CITY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	ACTUAL MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES MONTHLY		THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES ACTUAL		THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	
	MAR 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	MAR 08	MAR 07	MAR 08	MAR 07
WINNIPEG	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.9	4.2	4.9	4.1	4.7
VANCOUVER	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6
EDMONTON	3.7	3.2	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.6
CALGARY	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.4
REGINA	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2
SASKATOON	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.2	3.6
TORONTO	6.8	7.3	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.8
OTTAWA	4.7	5.4	4.5	5.5	4.5	5.5	4.6	5.5
MONTREAL	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.2	7.3
HALIFAX	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.6
ST. JOHN'S	8.6	7.5	8.7	7.8	8.7	7.8	8.1	7.5
*** WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 11 CITIES)**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**7**

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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*** Ranking is in ascending order from the lowest unemployment rate to the highest**

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TABLE 6: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	602,700	601,400	593,800	602,100	591,800	1.7%
CANADA	17,116,800	17,102,200	16,791,800	17,092,600	16,751,800	2.0%
NFLD.	221,300	222,200	217,600	222,200	217,200	2.3%
P.E.I.	71,000	70,600	69,900	70,600	70,000	0.8%
N.S.	449,500	448,400	446,700	450,000	448,200	0.4%
N.B.	366,300	367,800	359,700	366,400	358,900	2.1%
QUEBEC	3,887,300	3,894,800	3,829,600	3,891,200	3,812,100	2.1%
ONTARIO	6,688,200	6,690,000	6,569,000	6,674,000	6,558,900	1.8%
SASK.	508,200	509,000	503,400	507,600	503,200	0.9%
ALBERTA	2,004,500	1,994,900	1,939,300	1,999,800	1,936,300	3.3%
B.C.	2,317,900	2,303,200	2,262,700	2,308,800	2,255,200	2.4%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 6A. FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	494,000	489,100	472,600	490,900	475,800	3.2%
CANADA	14,008,800	14,028,400	13,718,900	14,005,400	13,696,000	2.3%
NFLD.	187,400	188,200	187,700	188,600	185,300	1.7%
P.E.I.	58,800	59,700	57,000	59,000	57,300	3.0%
N.S.	365,300	364,100	364,000	365,200	367,000	-0.5%
N.B.	310,300	313,700	302,300	312,400	302,000	3.4%
QUEBEC	3,164,000	3,186,300	3,118,400	3,174,500	3,108,400	2.1%
ONTARIO	5,470,600	5,495,100	5,389,200	5,473,900	5,366,500	2.0%
SASK.	418,400	418,400	405,000	416,800	406,600	2.5%
ALBERTA	1,695,700	1,677,800	1,631,400	1,686,100	1,633,500	3.2%
B.C.	1,843,700	1,835,000	1,791,400	1,837,300	1,793,500	2.4%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 6B. PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	108,700	112,300	121,200	111,200	116,000	-4.2%
CANADA	3,108,000	3,073,800	3,072,900	3,087,300	3,055,800	1.0%
NFLD.	34,000	34,000	29,900	33,700	31,900	5.5%
P.E.I.	12,100	10,900	12,800	11,600	12,700	-8.9%
N.S.	84,100	84,300	82,800	84,800	81,100	4.6%
N.B.	56,100	54,100	57,500	54,000	56,800	-5.0%
QUEBEC	723,300	708,500	711,200	716,700	703,700	1.8%
ONTARIO	1,217,600	1,194,900	1,179,800	1,200,200	1,192,400	0.7%
SASK.	89,800	90,600	98,400	90,900	96,500	-5.9%
ALBERTA	308,800	317,100	307,900	313,700	302,800	3.6%
B.C.	474,200	468,200	471,300	471,500	461,600	2.1%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-year percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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TABLE 6C. PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	451,000	450,300	438,900	451,500	440,000	2.6%
CANADA	13,705,100	13,693,400	13,568,700	13,686,900	13,544,700	1.0%
NFLD.	158,400	160,000	159,000	160,000	157,800	1.4%
P.E.I.	52,000	52,500	52,100	52,100	52,100	0.1%
N.S.	343,000	340,600	341,400	342,600	342,100	0.2%
N.B.	278,800	280,500	276,700	279,600	275,800	1.4%
QUEBEC	3,080,700	3,077,000	3,044,800	3,078,600	3,039,000	1.3%
ONTARIO	5,399,800	5,416,500	5,408,000	5,398,100	5,399,500	0.0%
SASK.	382,400	383,500	378,200	382,900	380,000	0.8%
ALBERTA	1,655,000	1,645,600	1,613,000	1,648,500	1,607,000	2.6%
B.C.	1,903,500	1,886,800	1,856,100	1,892,700	1,851,100	2.2%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-year percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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TABLE 6D. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	151,700	151,100	154,900	150,600	151,800	-0.8%
CANADA	3,411,700	3,408,800	3,223,100	3,405,700	3,207,100	6.2%
NFLD.	62,900	62,200	58,600	62,200	59,400	4.7%
P.E.I.	19,000	18,100	17,800	18,400	17,900	3.0%
N.S.	106,500	107,800	105,300	107,400	106,100	1.2%
N.B.	87,500	87,300	83,000	86,800	83,100	4.5%
QUEBEC	806,600	817,800	784,800	812,600	773,100	5.1%
ONTARIO	1,288,400	1,273,500	1,161,000	1,275,900	1,159,400	10.0%
SASK.	125,800	125,500	125,200	124,700	123,200	1.2%
ALBERTA	349,500	349,300	326,300	351,300	329,300	6.7%
B.C.	414,400	416,400	406,600	416,100	404,100	3.0%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-year percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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TABLE 6E. MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES		
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	CHANGE
MANITOBA	70,600	71,800	70,500	71,900	72,100	-0.2%
CANADA	1,966,900	1,976,300	2,080,200	1,981,100	2,091,900	-5.3%
NFLD.	14,900	15,700	15,400	15,300	14,700	4.1%
P.E.I.	6,700	6,600	6,700	6,500	6,800	-4.4%
N.S.	38,700	41,300	41,500	39,800	41,500	-4.1%
N.B.	33,300	36,000	39,200	34,900	39,300	-11.3%
QUEBEC	529,000	528,300	551,300	531,100	557,800	-4.8%
ONTARIO	915,100	913,600	966,100	920,700	969,600	-5.0%
SASK.	30,700	31,500	30,000	31,300	29,600	5.9%
ALBERTA	134,000	142,400	146,800	138,100	150,200	-8.1%
B.C.	190,800	185,200	212,700	190,000	208,500	-8.9%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-year percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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TABLE 7: MANITOBA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

				YEAR-TO-DATE-AVERAGES			
	MAR 08	FEB 08	MAR 07	JAN-MAR 08	JAN-MAR 07	PERCENT CHANGE	CANADA PERCENT CHANGE
AGRICULTURE	27,700	26,900	29,700	27,200	29,300	-7.4%	0.9%
FORESTRY, FISHING & MINING	6,400	6,100	6,600	6,500	6,600	-1.5%	-2.2%
UTILITIES	6,100	5,500	6,600	5,600	5,300	5.0%	16.7%
CONSTRUCTION	36,000	35,300	32,200	35,100	31,700	10.8%	8.5%
MANUFACTURING	70,600	71,800	70,500	71,900	72,100	-0.2%	-5.3%
TRADE	90,300	86,800	89,600	89,000	90,100	-1.2%	1.4%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	37,900	35,900	34,000	36,500	34,600	5.5%	4.8%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE & LEASING	37,700	38,100	31,200	38,100	31,700	20.1%	1.8%
PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	45,800	46,900	40,000	46,500	40,200	15.8%	5.1%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	124,300	119,800	129,900	121,800	129,100	-5.7%	2.0%
INFORMATION, CULTURE & RECREATION	22,300	25,700	23,500	23,900	23,000	3.9%	0.0%
ACCOMMODATION & OTHER SERVICES	63,100	65,100	62,900	63,800	61,500	3.8%	0.6%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	34,600	37,300	37,200	36,200	36,700	-1.3%	9.8%
TOTAL: ALL INDUSTRIES	602,700	601,400	593,800	602,100	591,800	1.7%	2.0%
TOTAL: GOODS PRODUCING	146,700	145,700	145,600	146,300	145,000	0.9%	0.0%
TOTAL: SERVICE PRODUCING	456,000	455,700	448,300	455,800	446,900	2.0%	2.7%

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: Year-to-date averages are rounded to the nearest hundred, whereas year-to-date percent change calculations are based on the unrounded averages.

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